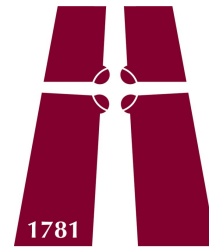


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>Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, James Gear, Pastor District 3

>Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Carole Isley Corey, Interim Pastor District 4

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Upcoming Events...

>>Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United
>>Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

February 25, 2017: Primitive Pallet Party - Derry

February 28, 2017: Pancake Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity

February 28, 2017: Food Pantry Fundraiser - Jeannette

March 3, 2017: World Day of Prayer - Delmont

March 25, 2017: Craft Show - Murrysville, Union

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"Preparing for the Journey" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



Many times in the current ministry, I find myself needing to go "on the road." Often, my level of preparation for such trips only includes rapid (and some might say random?) packing of toiletries, clothes and materials the night before (usually late in the evening). For me, the amount of preparation required for such adventures seems minimal. Yet, when preparing to leave on vacation, everything changes. My wife (consequently I as well) might spend days or longer organizing the necessary items that we will need for this trip. Of course, such planning and preparation anticipates every possible scenario and what might be helpful to have with you in that remote possibility.

While not physically leaving our current location, nonetheless, the liturgical calendar each year challenges us to enter upon a journey at least twice a year. The destination of one journey is a crib in a stable. The destination of the other journey is a cross. Preparing and then engaging in each journey may require different perspectives and reflections of us. Next week, we will begin that journey where we join with Christians around the world in that season of Lent, but my question is; how will we prepare for it this week?

Typically, in many of our congregations on this Sunday, you might hear again the story of the "transfiguration." Once more, beholding the glory of the beloved Son complete with clouds and dazzling light and brightness and the

**Communicate the
Word...**

**Carry on the
Work...**

**Change the
World...**

Together

New Office Hours for 2017

**The Presbytery
Office Hours are:**
Monday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Friday

**The Resource
Center Hours are:**
Tuesday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Monday
and Friday

Skip is generally in the
office Monday through
Thursday from 9:00
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bobbie is in the office
on Monday from 8:00
a.m. to NOON and
Tuesday through
Thursday from 9:00
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

voice of God. Like Peter, we may believe that in the moment, maybe there is no need for the hard journey ahead. Maybe, we can revere the past and hold on to this moment with the accompanying booths in the midst of wilderness.

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Around Redstone

>>Into the Light: Join the Conversation Daily Lenten Devotionals - The Addiction Network group invites you to join them during the season of Lent to learn more about alcohol and other drugs and what God is calling us to do as the church and disciples of Jesus Christ. We have created daily devotionals during Lent beginning with an introduction to the devotionals on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. They will post each daily devotional on a blog called "Redstone Together." Each devotional will have a link to a PDF file which you can use to print the devotional. They invite you to join them in a conversation about the epidemic of alcohol and other drug dependency impacting our communities and leave your feedback, questions, and prayers in the comments section. The link to "Redstone Together" is redstonetogether.blogspot.com. Please include this information in your Sunday worship bulletin and/or newsletters and please share the link to the blog with others who need to be a part of the conversation.

>>Eco Palms are now available through [PMA](#).

>> Training and Enrichment Workshops for Ruling Elders (and others who might benefit) - March 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Topics covered will be Presbyterian Polity and Spiritual Formation. Clerks of Session are encouraged to attend the Presbyterian Polity workshop from 9:00 to NOON. (If session minutes are brought along they will be reviewed while you are attending the workshop.) If you are planning to be there for lunch the cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.

>>Session Minutes Review Dates are as follows:

March 11, 2017 - Maplewood (during RE workshops)
March 21, 2017 - Ft. Burd (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)
April 19, 2017 - Location and Time TBD

>>There will be a spring mission trip to West Virginia March 18-25th. Housing will be in a Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$120.00 per person. The other costs will be paid by the Team Treasury. Commissioning will be March 12th at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in North Huntingdon at the 10:30 service. Please contact Phyllis Frye for more information at pfrye1234@windstream.net or 724.468.3740.

>>SAVE THE DATE!! The 2017 Confirmation Retreat will take place on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Pine Springs Camp. Information was sent to Youth Leaders of our churches in December. For questions or registration contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.



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